

Housing List Figures for Ticehurst Parish

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I have rerun a Locata report today and can confirm the following housing needs data for Ticehurst only, to include the total number of cases with an immediate local connection to the Parish of Ticehurst be either; current residency, family or local employment in the area.

The data also confirms bed need and banding as requested.

Allocation Band;	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	TOTAL
Band A	4	2	0	0	6
Band B	4	2	2	0	8
Band C	1	2	4	1	8
Band D	4	5	1	1	11
TOTAL cased on Housing Register for TICEHURST* only	13	11	7	2	33

One thing to note from these results, is that a community led housing scheme as a 'rural exception site' (policy LHN3) or 'wholly or substantially affordable housing scheme' (policy LHN4) could help to address housing need in the Band D category as well as the other bands. This is because local connection will effectively trump banding priority (accept for cases who do meet the immediate local connection criteria) due to the legal agreements that are mutually agreed between the Parish Council and/Community Led Housing group with the local authority.

For more details on both of these policies please visit the following RDC adopted Core Strategy (2014);

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22426&p=0>

page 128 – Policy LHN3

page 129 – Policy LHN4

*As discussed, please note that priority for affordable/social rented housing allocations is based on the rural parish cluster group 'Tichurst rural' to include; Etchingam, Hurst Green and Burwash. Therefore, all applicants on the housing register with a local connection to any of these villages will be given priority in the first instance for voids becoming available within the cluster group. This is accept for band A applicants on the housing register, who can bid anywhere in the district due

to the urgency of their situation (and normally due to the statutory homeless duty owed to them to be rehoused by the local authority). If you require the data for the cluster group of Ticehurst rural, I can arrange for this to be carried out, however, this is a much larger report and will require some notice to carry out.

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